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BREEZES FROM THE SOUTHWEST

By Romaine Saunders

P. C. Donohoe of O'Neill favored our community with a brief "look in" a day last week, hastening on to other fields.

The "country gentleman" is the hired man. Eight dollars for eight hours, three square meals bed and bath. Take it or leave it.

The Axis powers emphasize their fading hopes by trying out new military commanders, recalling veterans for failures. Not a high ranking officer of the Allies has been replaced for failing in his mission.

A lot of folks in Washington, D. C., want Dewey to win but being disfranchised there is not much they can do about it. Information is not at hand if it is the president or the first lady they are getting tired of around town.

Something like a month ago an Illinois stock feeder bought 648-000 eggs from Uncle Sam on a price basis of 5 cents for 30 dozen. He had 3,000 hogs to eat the eggs. Five cents for 30 dozen for 30-cent-a-dozen eggs. Government ownership of industries. Indeed, Uncle Sam is some business man.

Three women adored him! Her blood his, her heart his—loved him because he dared do anything—except propose! Incredibly exciting story of heroism and love. No, I have not gone to writing romance. Just a little of the stuff found in a show ad. And there you have your answer for divorces, broken homes, darkening moral shadows, depraved human emotions and life's most sacred relations cheapened before the common crowd.

This is election year 44. There will be some tall promises as in the election years up to 40. For instance, here is a bit of charming hokum that came out of the last contest and all know from whom: "My friends, fathers and mothers, I have told you before, I will tell you again, and again, if I am elected president your sons will never have to fight on foreign soil." Not only our sons but our daughters fight and bleed and die "on foreign soil."

Clinics directed by notable personages of the medical profession, health resorts, as well as the charlatans, would have to go out of business if we did not put stuff in our mouths that contributes to physical affliction. Blood is the life of all flesh. What we put in our mouths purifies or poisons the blood stream. A poisoned blood stream puts kinks in the human machine. Doctor Carter says he agrees with most of the sentiments he finds in the department but may turn thumbs down on this.

Robert E. Lee, Stonewall Jackson, the terrible Early, Bragg, Longstreet—they all took up arms against their country, fired upon the flag and gave the war cry, For Dixie land we take our stand, And live or die for Dixie! Such acts would appear to constitute treason. For four years the "terrible rumble and grumble and roar" of battle raged on. One of these generals fell in the shock of battle, none admitted they were in the wrong. Though north and south, east and west are united under one flag it does not set well with the lineal descendants of a tribe who wore the blue that "he memory of the men guilty of these treasonable acts are now wrapped in the mantle of the heroics and fulsome praise, along with Grant and Sherman and Sheridan and the "Rock of Chickamauga."

The sun rides high in the afternoon sky. Fluffs of white hang motionless and silent far to the northwest that may hours later gather in angry roar and sweep across the land. The untraversed depths of eternity spreads a canopy of blue above. The orb of fire burns as a ball of fire in the measureless void of space. Blue above, green beneath catches the glow of sunlight. Yellow and pink and white and many colored flowers make friendly nod and shimmering foliage in high treetops bow in graceful gesture at the order of a slight breeze. Nature speaks in a living poem to the prairie dweller not absorbed in grinding toil. Life is more than cattle and hay and crop and business and bonds and bank accounts and work if you get out into the sunlight and open eyes and soul to the beauty on every hand.

Speakers apparently injected with a heavy charge of New Deal political serum made it quite clear at the convention in Chicago last week that the world war belongs to them. If it was the people want." Our country is well supplied with two groups. One group can tell just what "the lot that isn't true about the principles and motives of their betters.

Men From Holt Co. Left This Week For The Armed Services

The following boys will leave in the July call

- Joseph H. Noble, Star Gerald T. Bouska, Atkinson Harold R. Strong, O'Neill Farmer W. Withers, Atkinson. Alva L. Scholz, Inman Clifford G. Hahlbeck, Ewing Everet E. Gorgen, Ewing Warren H. Schmidt, Page Clifford H. Sobotka, Inman George P. Hamik, Stuart Austin L. Searles, Redbird Lyle L. Hollenbeck, Inman Albert D. Garhart, O'Neill Louis L. Walter, Ewing Carl L. Werner, Ewing Clement G. Murphy, Stuart Harry G. Dempsey, Chambers Melvin W. Henderson, Atkinson Harvey J. Pichler, Chambers Lloyd O. Wyant, Redbird Vernon A. Hoxie, O'Neill Clare O. Knoell, O'Neill Floyd S. Elkins, Chambers Gail L. Rice, Ewing.

NOTICE OF DEMOCRATIC COUNTY CONVENTION

Notice is hereby given to all democrats that there will be held in O'Neill, Nebraska, on the 3rd day of August, 1944, commencing at 10:00 o'clock, a. m., a democratic county convention for the purpose of electing eight delegates and eight alternates to the Democratic State Convention to be held in Grand Island, Nebr., on the 10th day of August, 1944 and to nominate a candidate to fill the vacancy caused by the death of our friend and former sheriff, Peter W. Duffy, and to transact such other business as may properly come before the convention.

J. J. HARRINGTON, Democratic County Chairman of Holt County, Nebraska.

Shields Precinct democratic caucus will be held at the Town Hall on Tuesday, August 1, at 2:30 p. m., for the purpose of nominating a precinct ticket and selecting delegates for the county convention.

WALTER O'MALLEY, Precinct Committeeman.

ditional emphasis of the chief executive stepping into the soldiers' camp to make a political announcement and traveling across speech from a navy base accepting a fourth nomination—if these all add up to prove the boasts of convention speakers none will deny them whatever glory there is in plunging the country into a world tragedy. But we are patriots all of whatever faith or color and will see it through. And the loyalty of patriots will sustain whoever is in the White House in all honest efforts to heal the world's wounds.

"Thou wilt show me the path of life: in thy presence is fulness of joy; at thy right hand there are pleasures for evermore." The editor of the Wamego, Kan., Times probably thinks the sad old world needs a touch of humor. Writing in his paper after coming out of a bath down at Hot Springs tells this: "There are here a multitude of church organizations, all militantly striving to counteract the effect of the element contending for a wide-open town. Their efforts are carried on by local radio as well as by revival meetings which appear to be on in some churches most of the time. One of the guests at our hotel went to one of these meetings one night, getting in late.

"How long has he been preaching," whispered the late comer, after about 40 minutes. "Thirty or forty years" murmured the white-headed man addressed.

"I'll stay then," he muttered. "He must be nearly finished."

Some brother has me wrong—sends me a cartoon, indicating it depicts my sentiments respecting labor. He misses it a mile. I am no enemy of labor—far from it—and I have done as much of it as the next one. But I am not alone by some millions of Americans in recognizing that union labor heads have taken advantage of the critical times to draw a gun on Uncle Sam and it is the duty of these organizations to kick out the communistic blood-suckers who never do an honest day's work while living like plutocrats off of the sweat and toil of others. The cartoon—if the weezened old man it depicts with a handshake from one of the brass collars of the company for having been with them for 50 years had no more grit than to stay with an ungrateful outfit for 50 years it is doubtful if he was worth a handshake. Our country is well supplied with two groups. One group can tell just what "the lot that isn't true about the principles and motives of their betters.

Julius D. Cronin Good Will Ambassador

The appointment of Julius D. Cronin as its ambassador of good will for O'Neill and surrounding territory, has just been announced by Ak-Sar-Ben.

Since the United States' entry into World War II, Ak-Sar-Ben has devoted its major efforts to war activities, explains President J. E. Davidson. In recognition of its wartime achievements the organization late in 1943 received a special citation from Major General F. E. Uhl, then commanding officer of the Seventh Service Command.

How soon Ak-Sar-Ben will be able to resume its normal program of spring running races, den shows, coronation, ice events and other activities depends primarily upon the course of the war, Davidson says.

But at least one annual event is definitely scheduled for 1944, Ak-Sar-Ben's 50th year of unselfish non-profit and educational public service to the Middle West. That is its fall 4-H Baby Beef Show, largest in the world, which will be held at the Union Stock Yards in Omaha, October 4, 5 and 6.

Ak-Sar-Ben is repeating this summer, a huge entertainment program for service men and women of this area, similar to the series staged in Omaha's Creighton Stadium last year as part of its "Smiles for Soldiers" Program. It also plans to continue its "Food for Freedom" program in cooperation with 4-H Clubs, with awards offered.

Ak-Sar-Ben's corps of more than 350 ambassadors throughout Nebraska and western Iowa, declares Davidson, are frequently called on for counsel and help in fitting the organization's program into their communities, and thereby bringing the greatest benefits to the largest possible number of people.

Bohemian Club Held Their First Picnic

The Bohemian Club held their first picnic party last Sunday at Summerland Ewing, Nebr. At 1 o'clock a big chicken dinner was served by the Club ladies. The afternoon was spent in visiting, dancing and roller skating. Music was furnished by Lewis Kopecky and his harmony boys, and a grand time was enjoyed by all. At a late hour the guests all departed for their homes and Mr. Juracek, the owner of Summerland, requested the members of the Club to be back soon with another picnic.

Union Sunday Schools Meet Sunday, July 30

The annual group gathering of the Sunday schools of Holt and Boyd Counties will be held Sunday, July 30, in the grove on the Ralph Ernst farm, located on the bank of the Eagle, on Highway 281, about 20 miles north of O'Neill.

The program will begin at 10 a. m. There will be special speaking and music; a pot luck dinner at noon and other features of interest to all. The meeting this year will be in charge of the new American Sunday School Missionary in this field, G. E. Hollingshead, of Long Pine, Nebr.

Much interest has been shown in past years and it is hoped that many who are interested in Sunday School work will avail themselves of this opportunity to meet others who are like-minded, for a time of fellowship and inspiration.

Marjorie Dickson Leaves Her Native City For West

Miss Marjorie Dickson left this morning for Omaha and Lincoln, where she will visit friends. Later she will go to Vancouver, Wash., for a visit with her sister, Mrs. Nancy Anderson and will also visit her aunts on the west coast. At the time of leaving she had not decided where she would make her future home, but it will probably be on the west coast. Marjorie has many friends in her native city who wish her happiness and prosperity wherever she may locate.

The Weather

Table with 5 columns: Date, High, Low, M's't, and other weather metrics for July 21-27.

Round Up Calf Club

The Round-Up Calf Club held a meeting at the home of Francis Clark Tuesday, July 18. All members were present but two. Refreshments were served after the meeting by Mrs. Clark.

The next meeting will be at Floyd Butterfield's August 9th. Mrs. Helen Simer went to Atkinson Tuesday to visit relatives and friends.

Western Air Lines To Include O'Neill In Intra-State Service

Western Air Lines, Inc., the oldest in the U. S. with marvelous operations record, informs those in authority here that they have acquired Inland Air Lines and filed applications with the Civil Aeronautics Board designed to strengthen both systems. They feel that applications now before the Board are, (or should be) of interest to us. Their policy is:

1. To connect cities having common community interests, regardless of size. 2. To re-establish service that was curtailed by the war, in the VERY NEAR FUTURE.

3. To extend this service from time to time, as indicated by the APPLICATIONS PENDING BEFORE THE CIVIL AERONAUTICS BOARD.

Their mid-continent extension will come early in September, when they expect to put three Douglas DC-3 transports into service from the army. A brief supporting application for new air services for Omaha is being prepared by the Omaha Chamber of Commerce Postwar Planning Committee for presentation to the Civil Aeronautics authority by September first.

They enclosed a map showing their idea of the best possible feeder line for this part of Nebraska, designating O'NEILL as one of the stops on a line between Casper, Wyoming and Omaha.

They ask our cooperation in IMMEDIATELY obtaining an AIRPORT so as to expedite this service for O'NEILL and our trade territory.

Remember, the U. S. Department of Commerce, and our State Aeronautics Board urge the various communities to start in a modest way, by simply buying an approved tract and designating it as an Airport. All improvements to be made after the war from funds derived from state and federal agencies, as well as from established airlines interested in furthering commercial aviation. This means that O'NEILL would have a fine number one airport shortly after the war by merely purchasing a sandy quarter section of land now and filing applications in proper offices for governmental aid.

Are we alert to the situation? Why has O'Neill not bought on approved tract, designated it "O'Neill, Nebraska, Airport"; filed applications with the proper boards and obtained financial aid from our state and federal agencies? WAKE UP O'NEILL!

Private and Commercial aviation will develop into a huge business after the war, and communities wishing to keep up with the times will provide now for adequate airports. Let us keep O'NEILL the greatest little city in the world. We want to see a big bold sign telling the world that a spot near here is duly designated as "O'NEILL, NEBRASKA, AIRPORT".

Hospital Notes

- Duane Mahlenhof, of Bristow, tonsils removed Thursday morning. Barbara Cleary tonsils removed Thursday. Mrs. Lula Quig tonsils removed Thursday. Mrs. Margaret Bruin, of Butte, medical patient, admitted Saturday. Mrs. Andrew Schadt, a baby boy, Saturday. Mrs. Elbridge Marnan, of Orchard, admitted Monday. Mrs. Ray Plessel, was admitted Monday, dismissed Wednesday.

Truck Tire Shortage Looms Ahead.

The truck and passenger tire shortage is far from over, and the prospects for more tires in the immediate future is rather dark, according to the Sioux City district OPA director. The requirements of the armed forces are so great that they are now taking 90 per cent of all truck tire production.

The district director has instructed all War Price and rationing boards in the Sioux City district not to issue tires to truck operators or motorists who do not take proper care of their present tires. Recapping, says the director, is the only solution to the tire problem at present.

The Frontier's Honor Roll

The following Frontier readers have extended their subscription to The Frontier during the past month, for which they have our thanks:

- Mrs. H. W. Starlin Mrs. Jennie Crosser Ralph Leidy J. J. Dusatka Bernard Matthews Leo Adams, new Mrs. Helen Sirek Vince Suchy Mrs. Emma Maring T. J. Donohoe H. E. Gilday James Matthews

Ensign Freeman Knight left Monday for Atlantic City, N. J., after spending a week's leave here visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fora Knight.

Pioneer Resident Passes Away At Fremont

Relatives and friends were sorry to learn of the passing of Mrs. Art Wedberg, a former Holt county resident, at her home at Fremont, Nebr., Thursday, July 20, after a long siege of illness at the age of 53 years, five months and thirteen days.

Mrs. Wedberg, the former Hildur Marie Wittfeldt, was a daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. H. L. O. Wittfeldt pioneer settlers northeast of O'Neill where she was born February 7, 1891. She grew to young womanhood in the Opportunity and Agee communities where she taught school for several terms. She attended the O'Neill schools and the Wayne Teachers' College.

She was united in marriage to Art Wedberg August 1, 1917, at Sioux City, Iowa. The couple made their home on a farm near Fremont since that time. A daughter, Artice Marie, was born to this union.

Funeral services were conducted Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the Fremont Swedish Lutheran church with the presiding Reverend in charge. The lovely bouquets spoke silently of the esteem in which Mrs. Wedberg was held. She leaves to mourn, her husband Art, daughter Artice Marie; two sisters, Mrs. Esther Anderson, of Valley, Nebr.; Mrs. L. C. Peterson Council Bluffs four brothers, David Wittfeldt, O'Neill; Carl Wittfeldt, O'Neill; Henry Wittfeldt, Omaha; Helmer Wittfeldt, Penzel, Nebr.; besides other relatives and friends. Her parents and sister, Susie preceded her in death.

Those from O'Neill who attended the funeral services were: Mr. and Mrs. David Wittfeldt and Gayl, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Wittfeldt, Harold Lindberg and Teddy, Mrs. P. Lindberg and Lois Lindberg and Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Whaley.

New Policy of Gas Rationing To Service Men

A new policy on granting gasoline rations to members of the armed services on leave or furlough was announced today by M. E. Rawlings, Sioux City district O. P. A. director.

Effective Tuesday, July 25, 1944, a member of the armed services on leave or furlough for a period of three days or more will be entitled to one gallon of gasoline for each day of his leave or furlough up to a maximum of 30 gallons. The new rule replaces one granting a flat five gallons to every member of the armed services on leave, furlough or pass, regardless of the length of the leave.

It has become evident that the old policy, which resulted in giving much more gasoline to a member of the armed forces who got many short leaves than to one who received one long one, was unfair to the man serving out of the country and returning after a long absence. To eliminate this unfairness, the new rule tailoring the amount of the ration to the length of the leave or furlough was worked out by OPA in conjunction with representatives of the Army and Navy.

Furlough rations will now range between a minimum of three gallons for a three day leave or furlough to a maximum of 30 gallons for thirty days. At the suggestion of the Army and Navy, no ration will be granted for passes (to Army personnel) or liberties (to Navy personnel), or for leaves or furloughs of less than three days.

To receive his ration, the member of the armed services should apply to the War Price and Rationing Board having jurisdiction over the automobile he expects to drive, and present proper leave and furlough papers. The ration will be issued in the form of coupons or gasoline purchase permits, or a combination of the two.

Ten Hay Hands Were Placed Last Week Here

Mr. R. C. Andersen, working as labor assistant in the county agent's office, placed ten men in the hay fields last week. While at this writing help is very scarce, ranchers are asked to keep this office informed as to labor needs. Some transient laborers are reporting most every day and it is sometimes difficult to place them unless the ranchers' needs are known.

Ranchers cannot necessarily expect to receive help on the same day the order is placed, but they will be contacted as soon as men are available. By reporting their needs the ranchers enable the county agent's office in O'Neill to inform other areas where harvest is finishing, of the need, and help direct surplus workers into Holt County.

Mrs. Robert Calvert and two sons and Mrs. Gerald Calvert came Wednesday from Norfolk. They returned the same day, Mrs. Robert Calvert's mother, Mrs. C. E. Yarnall and Phm. 2-C E. C. Yarnall and daughter, Mary Lou, returned with them. Phm. Yarnall left from there for his station at Norfolk, Va., after spending a 12 day leave in O'Neill.

OPA Restaurant Advisory Committee Selected At Meeting In O'Neill Thurs.

With the appointment of a Western district restaurant advisory committee Thursday at O'Neill, the OPA completed plans for a roll back of restaurant prices to general price standards in effect on April 4 to 10, 1943.

Called by M. E. Rawlings, Sioux City District OPA Director and Roy T. Stoup, district restaurant advisory chairman, a meeting of restaurant operators was held in the court house annex at O'Neill. Present were more than 25 restaurant operators from the eleven western counties.

Purpose of the meeting was the selection of an advisory committee representative of the western district division to designate a list of 40 basic food items regularly served in restaurants. These items together with their roll back prices are to be posted in all establishments serving food.

Paul Beha, O'Neill restaurant operator was appointed permanent chairman by Mr. Stoup. The advisory committee representing the western division are as follows: Fred J. Marr, Bartlett; Mrs. Saltisbury, Neligh; Walt Crook, Hallett; Edna Pengergast, Ainsworth; Lewis Cook, Springview; Marguerite Hickey, Pierce and Hadda Cafe of Creighton.

The above committee will meet to select the 40 basic items which must be posted August 16th, 1944.

The 11 counties in the district are: Cherry, Keya Paha, Boyd, Holt, Rock, Brown, Wheeler, Knox, Antelope, Pierce, Bon Homme. OPA officials from the district office who conducted the meeting were: Don T. Barnes, price executive; L. D. Swift, price specialist, and H. S. Benedict, information executive.

Sugar Now Ready For Second Period Canning

M. E. Rawlings, Sioux City district OPA director, announced today that housewives who have not obtained any sugar for home canning may apply at their local War Price and Rationing Board at any time now, although the certificates will not be forwarded until after August 1. You can apply for 20 pounds for each person in your family but must list each person's name and attach each spare stamp number 37 from Ration Book IV to the application.

Those persons who have obtained some sugar for home canning since March, but who have not a sufficient amount for their needs for the entire 1944 canning season may apply again at the same board for the amount needed to complete their home canning program, and they will receive not to exceed the difference between 20 pounds for each person in the family, and the amount previously used to date. In applying for the extra sugar, they must state whether or not the sugar already granted has been used for home canning and preserving, and if not, whether they still have the coupons issued to them, or if they have the sugar obtained from the coupons. This simply means that if they are to obtain more sugar for canning, they must have used the sugar already obtained for canning, or have the sugar or the coupons available for canning.

O'Neill Loses To Chambers In High Scoring Game

The O'Neill baseball team went to Chambers last Sunday and lost to Chambers by a score of 15 to 7. O'Neill led at the start of the fourth inning by a score of 7 to 1, but was unable to hold the Chambers hitters. O'Neill got 9 hits and Chambers got 12. Batteries: Chambers—Ed Thorin, Oscar Thorin and D. Carson. O'Neill—Helmer, Wolfe, Richter and Pruss, Tomlinson. O'Neill will go to Inman and play the Inman town team next Sunday, July 30.

BRIEFLY STATED

Mrs. Lloyd Smith and son, Craig, of Grand Island, spent from Monday to Thursday in the city on business. Miss Elaine Olk and Mrs. Randa Rostmeyer went to Sioux City Monday on business, returning the same day. Miss Maxine Golden went to Columbus Friday to visit her aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. I. J. Kinsman and family.

Mr. and Mrs. J. R. McCord, of Wisner, spent Sunday with Mrs. McCord's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Elkins and family. Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Elkins, of Meadow Grove, spent Sunday with Mr. Elkins' parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Elkins and family.

Miss Constance Biglin, a student nurse at St. Vincent's hospital in Sioux City, came Sunday to visit her parents, Ms. and Mrs. F. J. Biglin and family. Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Gubbels and son, John, came from Omaha Wednesday morning to spend their vacation with Mrs. Gubbels' mother, Mrs. Bridget Rohde and other relatives and friends.

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Holt Co. 86% Quota In Fifth Bond Drive; One Day Left To Buy

Total bond sales in the Fifth War Loan Drive in Holt County reported to date on all issues, is \$550,599.00, or approximately 86% of our quota.

This figure is comprised of sales in Townships and Cities, as follows:

Table with 3 columns: Township/City, Quota, Amt. Sold. Lists various townships and cities with their respective bond sales figures.

The Fifth War Loan Drive closes officially with purchases made up to midnight, Saturday, July 29th.

State Soil Specialists Have Been In Co. On Inspection

B. H. Williams, soils inspector for the Bureau of Plant Industry, and L. E. Mitchell, State Soil Surveyor for the Soil Conservation Service, both from Lincoln, were in Holt County recently doing soil inspection and correlation work. The objective is to correlate soils throughout the state and region and to tie the present soil map of Holt County into the detailed mapping which will be done for co-operators of the Holt Soil Conservation District.

Farmers who cooperate with the district will receive a detailed soil map of their farm which shows soil types, amount of erosion that has taken place and predominating slope. This map will indicate the productive capacity of different pieces of land on a farm. L. F. Bredemeier, Conservationist at O'Neill, stated. It gives the land owner a physical inventory of the productivity of his natural resource, the soil.

These maps are also useful in picking out the most productive land for cultivation or for picking out poorly productive land to seed back to grass. Anyone who is interested in soils or desires more information should contact the office of the Holt Soil Conservation District in the Court House Annex basement in O'Neill.

Margaret Engler To Receive State 4-H Club Award

Miss Margaret Engler of Stuart received notice last week that she was awarded a trip to the Nebraska 4-H Conservation Camp at Seward, August 8-11. The award was made by the Federal Cartwright Co.

Miss Engler receives this trip as a result of her outstanding 4-H club activities over the past several years. She has been active in 4-H club work and last year was awarded a \$50.00 war bond as a member of the winning dairy foods demonstration in the state. She is well known over the county for her 4-H activities and was graduated from St. Mary's Academy in O'Neill this last spring.

Hogs Go Up To Ceiling Price On Monday's Sale

There was a nice run of livestock at the sale Monday and in the offerings, was one load of 1000 pound steers. There was also several loads of yearling steers for which there seemed to be a little better demand for than a week ago. There was about five or six loads of light heifers and sold from \$9.00 to \$11.35. There was a good run of cows and the market was steady to strong, the real good kind selling from \$10.50 to \$11.50, culler cows \$7.00 to \$8.25. There was about 400 hogs in and the market hit the ceiling. Hogs weighing 180 to 240 sold for \$14.10, the ceiling price and the heavies and sows sold for \$13.35, also the ceiling.

Staff Sgt. Leroy Hartford left Tuesday morning for Camp Swift Texas, after spending his fifteen day furlough visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Hartford and other relatives and friends.